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In re application of: Glenn Robert Pierce et al.

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For: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR CONTROLLING WIDTH AND STITCH DENSITY OF A FABRIC WEB**Commissioner for Patents
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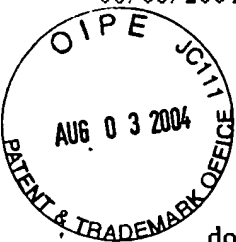
The undersigned, assignee of the entire interest in and to an application of Glenn Robert Pierce et al. for U.S. Letters Patent for a SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR CONTROLLING WIDTH AND STITCH DENSITY OF A FABRIC WEB, filed March 19, 2004, Serial No. 10/804,943, by an assignment document recorded with the Patent and Trademark Office (a copy attached hereto) hereby appoints the firm of Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, PLLC, comprising:

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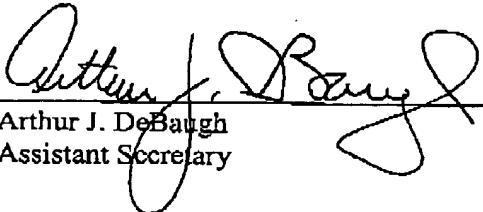


Furthermore, in accordance with 37 CFR 3.73(b), the undersigned hereby states that the documentary evidence of a chain of title from the original owner to the assignee, i.e. assignment document referenced above, has been reviewed and the undersigned certifies that, to the best of assignee's knowledge and belief, title is in assignee who seeks to prosecute this application.

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ASSIGNMENT

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This Assignment is made by Glenn Robert Pierce, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at 9021 Jefferson Woods Drive, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, which is in Forsyth County; Jimmy Franklin Plyler, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at 5415 Bringle Ferry Road, Salisbury, North Carolina, which is in Rowan County; Donald Frank Austin, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at 195 Varnadore Road, Salisbury, North Carolina, which is in Rowan County; Michael Thomas Fox, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at 26447 Red Barn Trail, Locust, North Carolina, which is in Stanley County; and Larry Thomas Clodfelter, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at 5875 Goodman Lake Road, Salisbury, North Carolina, which is in Rowan County (collectively, "Assignors").

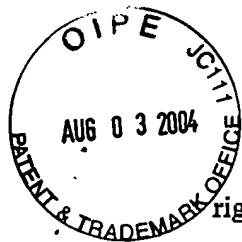
WHEREAS, Assignors are the joint inventors of certain new and useful improvements in a SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR CONTROLLING WIDTH AND STITCH DENSITY OF A FABRIC WEB (the "Invention"), for which United States patent application serial number 10/804,943 was filed on March 19, 2004 (the "Patent Application"), and

WHEREAS, Sara Lee Corporation, a Maryland corporation, having a principal place of business in Winston-Salem, North Carolina ("Assignee"), desires to acquire the entire right, title and interest in and to the Invention, and the Patent Application, and any and all patents issuing therefrom;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged,


Assignors hereby sell, assign, and transfer to Assignee, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the Invention, the Patent Application, all United States and foreign patents issuing therefrom, all continuations, continuations-in-part, substitutions, divisions or other patent applications claiming the priority benefit of the Patent Application, and all reissues or reexaminations of patents issuing therefrom. Assignors hereby authorize and empower Assignee to apply for patents or other form of protection for the Invention in its own name, or in the name of Assignee's successor, assignee, or nominee, in all countries where Assignor may desire to file such an application and where said application may be filed by other than the inventor.

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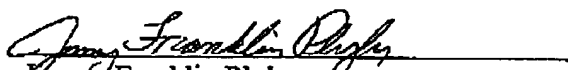


Assignors represent and warrant that they are the joint and lawful owners of the entire right, title and interest in and to the Invention and the Patent Application, which are unencumbered, and that they have the lawful authority to sell, transfer and assign and convey the Invention and the Patent Application.

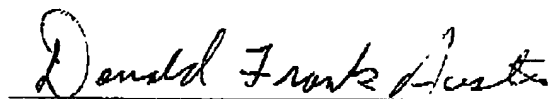
Assignors shall sign all papers and drawings, take all rightful oaths, and do all acts necessary or required to be done for the procurement of valid United States or foreign patents for the Invention, or for the reissue or reexamination of the same, but at Assignee's expense.


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